

5 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, TISD

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Proposals for Chemical System

1. During the past several weeks, three proposals have been received on a system for the storage, replenishment, filtering, temperature controlling and piping to processing stations in the Photographic Laboratory. In addition, a system of watering purification and treatment and a film drying room have been proposed. The proposals received are from

2. [REDACTED] has estimated a price of [REDACTED] plus freight to the installation site and hookup to one continuous processing machine. The proposal does not include a cost estimate for a chemical analysis system

3. [REDACTED] has estimated [REDACTED] for the tank farm, [REDACTED] for the chemical analysis system, using our spectrophotometer, [REDACTED] for a water treatment and purification system, and [REDACTED] for the dehydration unit in connection with the film drying room. This is a total of [REDACTED]. A statement is contained in the proposal: "This corporation is not a manufacturer of laboratory equipment of this type; but we would act in a purchasing and advisory capacity on a per diem basis or on a straight time basis."

4. [REDACTED] which includes the tank farm, temperature control system, one silver recovery unit and central chemical analysis and replenishment. The water treatment system is included, as an optional assessor with no cost estimate.

5. Of the three proposals received, the [REDACTED] proposal is the most complete and comprehensive and the lowest in cost estimate. It is necessary to point out, however, that the cost estimate as furnished does not include the water treatment system and the drying room facility contained in the [REDACTED] proposal. Of the [REDACTED] estimate from [REDACTED] are for the two items mentioned above. However, no installation costs are included in the [REDACTED] estimate. The [REDACTED] proposal does not include chemical analysis system and must be regarded on this basis as the highest bidder.

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STATINTL 6. On the basis of information received to date, it is the recommendation  
STATINTL of the undersigned that the contract for the tank farm and water treatment  
systems and the chemical analysis system be awarded to [REDACTED]  
and that the proposal for the dehydration unit and drying room be awarded  
to the [REDACTED]

STATINTL 7. The [REDACTED] has a long and successful record in this  
STATINTL type of installation. The facility inspected at Cape Canaveral was installed  
[REDACTED] firm are specialists in photographic, chemical  
and dehydration equipment and it is felt that awarding parts of the contract  
to these two firms, whose specialities are well known, to be in the best  
interests of this Agency. STATINTL

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cc: [REDACTED]